

Daily Digest

HIGHLIGHTS

Senate passed Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations bill.

The House agreed to H. Con. Res. 225, Encouraging the Display of the American Flag.

The House passed H.R. 2882, Expedited Payment of Benefits to Public Safety Officers.

The House passed H.R. 2884, Victims of Terrorism Relief Act.

Senate

Chamber Action

Routine Proceedings, pages S9343–S9410

Measures Introduced: Five bills were introduced, as follows: S. 1421–1425. **Page S9395**

Measures Passed:

Commerce, Justice, State Appropriations: By a unanimous vote of 97 yeas (Vote No. 279), Senate passed H.R. 2500, making appropriations for the Departments of Commerce, Justice, and State, the Judiciary, and related agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2002, after taking action on the following amendments proposed thereto:

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Adopted:

Dorgan Amendment No. 1543, to prohibit the sale of disaster loans authorized under section 7(b) of the Small Business Act. **Pages S9354, S9359**

Hollings/Gregg Amendment No. 1558, to make certain improvements to the bill. **Page S9365**

Hollings/Gregg Amendment No. 1559, relating to payments of claims under the Radiation Exposure Compensation Act, to make available funds for the Immigration Services and Infrastructure Improvements Account, to provide a set aside for the Standing Against Global Exploitation (SAGE) Project, and to provide for the extension of the date for the initial public offering of securities for the successor of Inmarsat. **Page S9367**

Subsequently, the amendment was modified.

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By a unanimous vote of 98 yeas (Vote No. 278), Harkin Amendment No. 1560, to express the sense of the Senate regarding discrimination against Arab Americans. **Pages S9368–71**

Hatch (for Feinstein) Amendment No. 1562, to enhance the capability of the United States to deter, prevent, and thwart domestic and international acts of terrorism against United States nationals and interests. **Pages S9372–78**

Gregg (for Collins) Amendment No. 1563, to provide funding for the Rapid Response Program in Washington and Hancock Counties, Maine. **Pages S9387–88**

Withdrawn:

Dorgan Amendment No. 1542, to increase funds for the trade enforcement and trade compliance activities of the International Trade Administration and to reduce funds for TV Marti. **Pages S9354, S9359**

Senate insisted on its amendment, requested a conference with the House thereon, and the Chair was authorized to appoint the following conferees on the part of the Senate: Senators Hollings, Inouye, Mikulski, Leahy, Kohl, Murray, Reed, Byrd, Gregg, Stevens, Domenici, McConnell, Hutchison, Campbell, and Cochran. **Page S9387**

Smithsonian Board of Regents: Senate passed S.J. Res. 19, providing for the reappointment of Anne d'Harnoncourt as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Pages S9405–06**

Smithsonian Board of Regents: Senate passed S.J. Res. 20, providing for the appointment of Roger W. Sant as a citizen regent of the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution. **Page S9406**

Visa Non-Immigrants Authority: Senate passed S. 1424, to amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide permanent authority for the admission of "S" visa non-immigrants. **Page S9406**

Small Business Technology Transfer Program Authorization: Senate passed S. 856, to reauthorize the Small Business Technology Transfer Program, after agreeing to the following amendment proposed thereto:

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Reid (for Kerry/Bond) Amendment No. 1569, in the nature of a substitute.

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Public Safety Benefits: Senate passed H.R. 2882, to provide for the expedited payment of certain benefits for a public safety officer who was killed or suffered a catastrophic injury as a direct or proximate result of a personal injury sustained in the line of duty in connection with the terrorist attacks of September 11, 2001.

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Display of American Flag: Senate agreed to H. Con. Res. 225, expressing the sense of the Congress that, as a symbol of solidarity following the terrorist attacks on the United States on September 11, 2001, every United States citizen is encouraged to display the flag of the United States.

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Executive Communications:

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Record Votes: Two record votes were taken today. (Total—279)

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Adjournment: Senate met at 9:30 a.m. and adjourned at 9:28 p.m., until 9:00 a.m., on Friday, September 14, 2001. (For Senate's program, see the remarks of the Acting Majority Leader in today's Record on page S9410.)

Committee Meetings

(Committees not listed did not meet)

NOMINATION

Committee on Armed Services: Committee concluded hearings on the nomination of General Richard B. Myers, USAF, for appointment as the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff and appointment to the grade of general, after the nominee, who was intro-

duced by Senators Carnahan and Roberts, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

TERRORIST ATTACKS ON U.S.

Committee on Armed Services: Committee met in closed session to receive a briefing regarding the terrorist attacks upon the United States from officials of the Department of Defense.

NOMINATION

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nomination of John D. Negroponte, of the District of Columbia, to be the Representative of the United States of America to the Sessions of the General Assembly of the United Nations, with the rank and status of Ambassadors, and the Representative of the United States of America in the Security Council of the United Nations.

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on the nomination of Mr. Negroponte, after the nominee, who was introduced by Senators Stevens and McCain, and Richard Holbrooke, former Representative of the United States to the United Nations, testified and answered questions in his own behalf.

NOMINATIONS

Committee on Foreign Relations: Committee ordered favorably reported the nominations of Patrick Francis Kennedy, of Illinois, to be Representative of the United States of America to the United Nations for the U.N. Management and Reform, with the rank of Ambassador, Laura E. Kennedy, of New York, to be Ambassador to Turkmenistan, Ronald E. Neumann, of Virginia, to be Ambassador to the State of Bahrain, and Marcelle M. Wahba, of California, to be Ambassador to the United Arab Emirates.

Prior to this action, committee concluded hearings on the nominations of Mr. Kennedy, Ms. Kennedy, Mr. Neumann, and Ms. Wahba, after the nominees testified and answered questions in their own behalf.

BUSINESS MEETING

Committee on Health, Education, Labor, and Pensions: Committee ordered favorably reported the following business items:

S. 952, to provide collective bargaining rights for public safety officers employed by States or their political subdivisions;

S. 928, to amend the Age Discrimination in Employment Act of 1967 to require, as a condition of receipt or use of Federal financial assistance, that States waive immunity to suit for certain violations of that Act, and to affirm the availability of certain suits for injunctive relief to ensure compliance with that Act; and